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INFO FOR PAOS

1. HIGHLIGHTS. RECENT HEADLINES HAVE BEEN ON CAMBODIA
AND KISSINGER TRIP, ALSO PORTUGAL: SATURDAY PAPERS
FRONTPAGED LISBON RALLY BACKS BANK TAKEOVER; SUNDAY
BALTSUN FRONTPAGED LISBON AP, PORTUGAL MAY FUEL SOVIET
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FLEET; MONDAY PAPERS FRONTPAGE EXPECTATION LISBON CABINET

WILL MOVE LEFT.

1A. INSIDE FRIDAY WASHPOST HAD GREECE-TURKEY DISPUTE PERILS NATO'S FLANK; ALSO ITEM ON PEACEFUL USE OF NUCLEAR AID. SATURDAY WASHSTAR HAD BRUSSELS AP, PORTUGAL WORRIES NATO; SATURDAY NYTIMES HAD BINDER WASHINGTON, US CONCERNED OVER LISBON LEFT SWING. SUNDAY WASHPOST HAD BREZHNEV MESSAGE BACKS PALESTINIANS; MONDAY BALTSUN HAS BREZHNEV VISITS HUNGARY FOR PARTY CONGRESS.

1B. MONDAY NYTIMES INSIDE HAS US OFFERS DRAFT SALT TREATY; ALSO WASHINGTON UPI, HUMPHREY PLANS INQUIRY INTO US POLICY ON ARMSSALES. WASHPOST HAS JACK ANDERSON COLUMN TITLED SOVIET PLAN TO KILL NIXON REPORTED.

2. SALT. MONDAY NYTIMES HAS JERUSALEM SPECIAL REPORTING THAT REPORTERS ABOARD KISSINGER'S PLANE WERE TOLD SUNDAY THAT US HAS PROPOSED A DRAFT TREATY TO SOVIET UNION TO ENCOMPASS VLADIVOSTOK ACCORD, ADDING THE PROPOSED LANGUAGE WAS PRESENTED TO SOVIET NEGOTIATORS IN GENEVA ABOUT TEN DAYS AGO. STORY SAYS NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL WAS SAID TO HAVE DISCUSSED THE PROPOSED TREATY ON MARCH 5, SHORTLY BEFORE KISSINGER LEFT FOR MIDEAST. STORY ADDS THE AMERICAN DOCUMENT WAS BELIEVED A FORMAL RESPONSE TO AN INITIAL SOVIET DRAFT TREATY PRESENTED TO US AT END OF JANUARY WHEN SALT RESUMED AT GENEVA.

3. NUCLEAR. FRIDAY WASHPOST HAD LOCAL AP REPORTING SEN. SYMINGTON SAID US SHOULD SEEK QUOTE STRONG ASSURANCES UNQUOTE FROM NATIONS BEING SUPPLIED WITH NUCLEAR ASSISTANCE THAT THEY WON'T USE IT FOR MILITARY PURPOSES, SENATOR ADDING THAT UNLESS COORDINATED INTERNATIONAL ACTION IS TAKEN THERE IS A DANGER OF NUCLEAR ARMS SPREADING LIKE A CANCER THROUGHOUT THE WORLD.

4. SOVIET. ANDERSON AND WHITTEN COLUMN SAYS A HIGH SOVIET INTELLIGENCE OFFICER HAS TOLD CIA THAT SOVIET SECRET POLICE HAD A CONTINGENCY PLAN TO KILL RICHARD
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NIXON IF HE HAD BEEN ELECTED PRESIDENT IN 1960, CITING ANATOL GOLYTSYN, FORMER KGB MAJOR WHO DEFECTED TO US FROM HIS POST IN HELSINKI IN EARLY 1960'S. COLUMNISTS ADD HE GAVE AMERICAN AGENTS OTHER VALUABLE INTELLIGENCE WHICH HAS TURNED OUT TO BE ACCURATE, ALSO HE ATTRIBUTED MURDER PLAN TO KHRUSHCHEV WHO ALSO HAD TALKED ABOUT ELIMINATING NUREYEV AFTER HIS DEFECTION. COLUMN SAYS GOLYTSYN'S REVELATIONS HAVE BEEN IN CIA

FILES FOR YEARS BUT CIA SOURCES DECIDED TO REVEAL THEM
AFTER STORIES ABOUT CIA ASSASSINATION ATTEMPTS HIT
THE HEADLINES. COLUMN SAYS US PAID GOLYTSYN 200,000
DOLLARS IN COMPENSATION AND SPENT ANOTHER 500,000 MORE
TO PROTECT HIM BEFORE HE WROTE LONG LETTER OF COMPLAINT
TO HIS THEN VIRGINIA NEIGHBOR, ROBERT KENNEDY. ROBINSON

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